



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AREA SUPPORT TEAM GARMISCH
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GARMISCH COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Drowning Prevention /Authorized Swimming Areas

1. Drownings are a leading cause of deaths in USAREUR. In most cases, they occur during off-duty recreational swimming (usually after dark) in unauthorized swimming areas. They are frequently related to alcohol use and hypothermia.
2. In general, all commercially operated facilities (public swimming pools) are approved for personnel located within the Area Support Team Garmisch area of responsibility. The attached enclosure contains a sample listing of swimming pools located within the geographical area of Garmisch, which can be used by U.S. military and civilian personnel. This memorandum and the enclosed listing of authorized swimming areas will be posted on bulletin boards from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.
3. Natural water bodies, such as lakes, gravel pits, and rivers are **OFF LIMITS** to 6th ASG personnel, because of potential dangers, such as sharp drop-offs, swift currents, hidden obstructions on the bottom, and extremely low water temperatures. Only natural bodies, which are approved and clearly marked as an approved swimming area by the local authorities and where official lifeguards are present i.e. lifeguards from the German Life Rescue Association (DRK/BRK Wasserwacht), are authorized for use.
4. This memorandum is in effect until superseded.
5. POC is Mr. Tuerk, AST Safety Specialist at DSN 440-3595 or Garmisch civilian 7503595.

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LIST OF SWIMMING POOLS (In/around Garmisch Area)*

Indoor Pools

GARMISCH

- Alpstitzbad

OUTSIDE GARMISCH

Grainau – Zugspitzbad
Mittenwald – Erlebnisbad
Oberammergau – Wellenberg

Outdoor Pools

GARMISCH

- Alpstitzbad
- Kainzenbad
- Pflegersee
- Riessersee

OUTSIDE GARMISCH

Farchant - Gemeindebad
Grainau - Zugspitzbad
Kruen - Grubsee
Mittenwald - Erlebnisbad
Murnau – Strandbad Staffelsee
Oberammergau - Wellenberg
Oberau – Gemeindebad
Ohlstadt – Gemeindebad
Seehausen – Strandbad Staffelsee
Uffing – Alpenblick Staffelsee
Uffing – Gemeindebad Staffelsee